

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

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445 Twelfth Street SW

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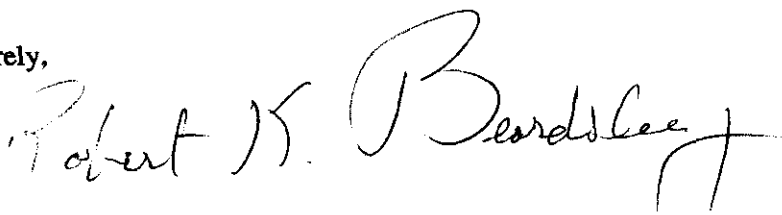
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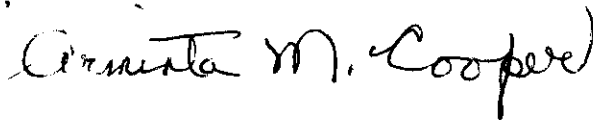
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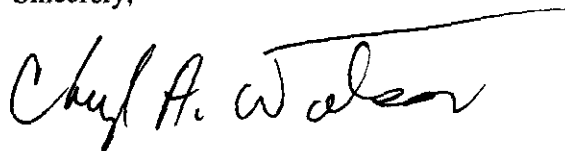
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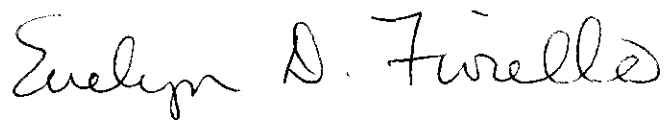
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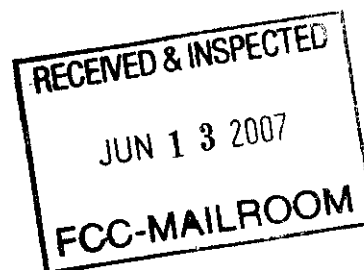
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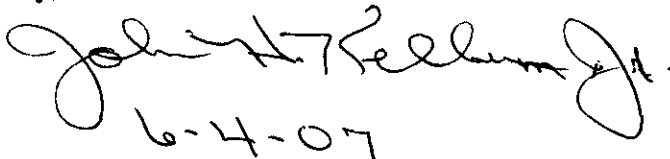
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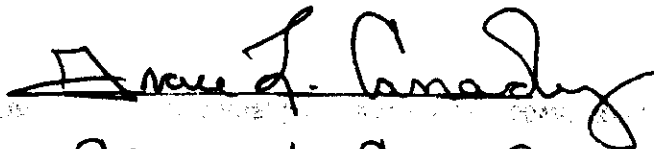
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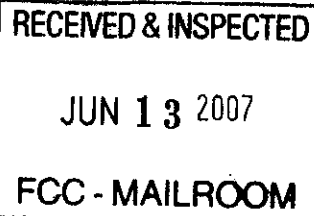
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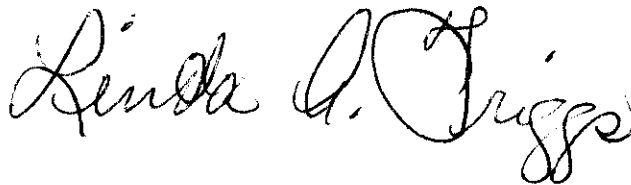
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I am writing regarding deaf people that I know who have been able to communicate in a much more efficient manner than ever before. This is because of the VRS System that they have been able to use recently. Many are now able to make their own doctor's appointments, talk with hearing relatives and have been able to carry on quality conversations with their hearing friends as well as communicate freely with deaf friends.

Deaf individuals have a different way of communicating with each other and oftentimes, their grammar is hard for the hearing to comprehend, but these VRS interpreters are skilled in the deaf communication and therefore, make conversations more easily understood than any TTY has been able to do in the past.

Another thing to consider, is that when deaf people go to hospitals for emergency treatments, it is very hard to get an interpreter on the spot when needed. If all hospitals were equipped with VRS, the deaf could more efficiently communicate their problems to the doctors, nurses and staff through this service. Also, it would increase the confidentiality of these visits as most of the interpreters would not be from the clients' hometowns. VRS could also be used in Federal Offices such as the Social Security Administration, License Bureau's, etc. These units could be set up on a rolling stand and if a deaf person came in for an interview, the interviewer could relate their questions with much less time and trouble as conversation is almost instant.

These are just a few of the ways VRS could help both deaf and hearing individuals and I am pleading with you to not only keep the existing services, but to consider increasing them, because in the long run, it

would be much more cost efficient for businesses, schools, hospitals, etc, to tap into using Video Relay Service, rather than having to use very highly paid Sign Language Interpreters, who might not be available when needed.

Very truly yours,

Karen E. Law

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